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| 1  | JOINT RESOLUTION APPROVING ACCEPTANCE OF   |
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| 2  | FEDERAL FUNDS IN RESPONSE TO COVID-19  |
| 3  | 2020 THIRD SPECIAL SESSION   |
| 4  | STATE OF UTAH  |
| 5  | Chief Sponsor: Jerry W. Stevenson  |
| 6  | House Sponsor: Bradley G. Last   |
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| 8  | LONG TITLE   |
| 9  | General Description:   |
| 10 | This joint resolution of the Legislature approves acceptance by the state of Utah of           |
| 11 | certain federal funds.   |
| 12 | Highlighted Provisions:  |
| 13 | This resolution:   |
| 14 | approves acceptance by the state of Utah of all federal funds from:                            |
| 15 | <ul> <li>Public Law 116-123, the Coronavirus Preparedness and Response Supplemental</li> </ul> |
| 16 | Appropriations Act;  |
| 17 | <ul> <li>Public Law 116-127, the Families First Coronavirus Response Act; and</li> </ul>       |
| 18 | • Public Law 116-136, the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act.                  |
| 19 | Special Clauses:   |
| 20 | None   |
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| 22 | Be it resolved by the Legislature of the state of Utah:  |
| 23 | WHEREAS, on March 6, 2020, Congress passed and the President signed Public Law                 |
| 24 | 116-123, the Coronavirus Preparedness and Response Supplemental Appropriations Act;            |
| 25 | WHEREAS, on March 18, 2020, Congress passed and the President signed Public Law                |
| 26 | 116-127, the Families First Coronavirus Response Act;  |
| 27 | WHEREAS, on March 27, 2020, Congress passed, and the President signed, Public                  |
| 28 | Law 116-136, the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act ("CARES Act");             |
| 29 | WHEREAS, the Coronavirus Preparedness and Response Supplemental Appropriations                 |

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| 30 | Act provides funds to the states, primarily through the Centers for Disease Control and            |
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| 31 | Prevention, and reimburses states for certain expenditures related to efforts taken in response to |
| 32 | the spread of the Coronavirus disease 2019 ("COVID-19");   |
| 33 | WHEREAS, the Families First Coronavirus Response Act provides states and counties                  |
| 34 | with a temporary Federal Medical Assistance Percentage increase to support certain medical         |
| 35 | and social service programs in the states, and provides funds to states for providing certain      |
| 36 | unemployment benefits and other assistance programs;   |
| 37 | WHEREAS, the CARES Act provides federal funds to aid individuals, businesses,                      |
| 38 | states, and local governments in responding to the pandemic caused by COVID-19 for the             |
| 39 | following purposes, among others:  |
| 40 | • to offset certain necessary expenditures by states and revenue declines                          |
| 41 | suffered by the states due to COVID-19;  |
| 42 | • to expand unemployment benefits, access to unemployment benefits, and                            |
| 43 | eligibility for unemployment benefits;   |
| 44 | • to offer certain loan and loan guarantees to eligible states, municipalities,                    |
| 45 | and businesses in need;  |
| 46 | <ul> <li>to revitalize communities, respond to housing impacts, and expand</li> </ul>              |
| 47 | community health facilities, child care centers, food banks, and senior                            |
| 48 | services;  |
| 49 | • to assist state and local governments in responding to immediate needs                           |
| 50 | related to protecting citizens, assisting in community recovery, and                               |
| 51 | certain declared disasters;  |
| 52 | <ul> <li>to assist in certain emergency management efforts by state and local</li> </ul>           |
| 53 | governments;   |
| 54 | • to assist hospitals and other health-care institutions in:                                       |
| 55 | <ul> <li>covering unreimbursed health-care related expenses and lost</li> </ul>                    |
| 56 | revenue;   |
| 57 | <ul> <li>procuring personal protective equipment and other medical</li> </ul>                      |

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| 58 | supplies;   |
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| 59 | <ul> <li>providing certain medical needs such as vaccines and</li> </ul>                |
| 60 | diagnostics; and  |
| 61 | <ul> <li>making certain facility improvements;</li> </ul>                               |
| 62 | <ul> <li>to support certain state and local efforts related to public health</li> </ul> |
| 63 | preparedness and response;  |
| 64 | • to support state child welfare services;  |
| 65 | • to support state education systems by providing proportionate funding                 |
| 66 | to:   |
| 67 | • elementary and secondary education institutions for actions and                       |
| 68 | activities taken in response to COVID-19;   |
| 69 | • each state's governor to allocate, at the governor's discretion, for                  |
| 70 | emergency support grants to the education institutions that are                         |
| 71 | most negatively impacted by COVID-19; and   |
| 72 | <ul> <li>higher education institutions for emergency COVID-19</li> </ul>                |
| 73 | responses;  |
| 74 | <ul> <li>to assist certain public transit systems and airports; and</li> </ul>          |
| 75 | • to assist states with preparing for and responding to the effects of                  |
| 76 | COVID-19 on the 2020 presidential election;   |
| 77 | WHEREAS, COVID-19 has spread within the state and caused a significant disruption       |
| 78 | to the economy, the health-care systems, and the education systems of the state;        |
| 79 | WHEREAS, the state of Utah is to receive federal funds under the Coronavirus            |
| 80 | Preparedness and Response Supplemental Appropriations Act;                              |
| 81 | WHEREAS, the state of Utah is to receive a temporary Federal Medical Assistance         |
| 82 | Percentage increase from the federal government under the Families First Coronavirus    |
| 83 | Response Act;   |
| 84 | WHEREAS, the state of Utah is to receive a population-based disbursement of federal     |
| 85 | funds under the CARES Act;  |

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| WHEREAS, the state of Utah and Utah's citizens will significantly benefit from                  |
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| acceptance of the funds provided by the federal government under the Coronavirus                |
| Preparedness and Response Supplemental Appropriations Act, the Families First Coronavirus       |
| Response Act, and the CARES Act; and  |
| WHEREAS, Section 63J-5-204 of the Utah Code requires that the Legislature approve               |
| a federal fund request within three months of the request if the request would "result in the   |
| state receiving total payments of \$10,000,000 or more per year from the federal government":   |
| NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah                        |
| approves acceptance by the state of Utah of any and all funds granted to the state of Utah from |
| Public Law 116-123, the Coronavirus Preparedness and Response Supplemental                      |
| Appropriations Act, Public Law 116-127, the Families First Coronavirus Response Act, and        |
| Public Law 116-136, the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act.             |
| BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of the resolution be sent to Governor                        |
| Herbert and the members of Utah's Congressional delegation.                                     |